Development Management – Delegated Officer Report **Date; 10/07/2024**

Application Number	**AWDM/0583/24**
Address	**Jefferies House Jefferies Lane Worthing West Sussex BN12 4PS**
Proposal	**Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No.24 of 2004 to reduce radial spread to East by up to 3 metres Hornbeam tree T3.**

Date of site visit: 26/06/24

Neighbours checked: Y
Additional neighbour notifications: N
Site notice: (wider publicity / conservation area): Y

Proposal, Site and Surroundings

The application refers to a large mature Hornbeam located near the centre of the Eastern boundary wall adjacent to the rear garden of 37 Nutley Crescent (the Applicant). The tree is a prominent part of the local landscape and makes a contribution to the character and visual amenities of the Goring Conservation Area.

Consent is sought to reduce radial spread to the East.

The reasons for the works are primarily in the interests of safety, light issues and amenity value.

Consultations: Letter sent to The Worthing Society, who did not respond.

Representations: None received.

Relevant Planning History

1997: The property is included within The Goring Conservation Area (IX) designated by the Council on 25th April 1989.

2005: Worthing Tree Preservation order Number 24 of 2004 confirmed on 26/01/2005.

2007: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 24 of 2004 for the felling of 3 Leyland Cypress trees within group G1.

2017: Application for consent under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 24 of 2004 to crown reduce one English Oak T4 by 3 metres and crown reduce group of two Black Poplars in Group G2 by 4 metres.

2018: Application under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 24 of 2004 to initiate pollarding at 10 to 12 metres two Black Poplar trees in the Group G2. Refused.

2018: Application under Worthing Tree Preservation Order No. 24 of 2004 to initiate pollarding at 10 to 12 metres two Black Poplar trees in the Group G2. Appeal Dismissed.

Planning Assessment

The tree is a large mature Hornbeam growing in the rear garden of Jefferies House, adjacent to the boundaries with properties in Nutley Crescent. The tree is prominent to the area, and can be seen from several views.

The tree is multi-stemmed with several stems emerging from a common source above ground level. The main scaffold stems angle outward forming a large wide array. The lower section of the crown is the widest with the smaller laterals that emerge from 2 metres being slightly over extended. The main crown is dense and wide spread.

The proposed works are to reduce radial spread to East by up to 3 metres. The works are to contain the spread of the crown, allow access beneath and allow more light and air to around the crown.

These works in my opinion would be relatively minor in relation to the overall size, spread and crown form of the tree and would not significantly or adversely affect its appearance, amenity value, or its contribution to the character of the Goring Conservation Area.

Recommendation

APPROVE

Grant Consent, subject to the following Conditions:

1. Approved plans

2. The proposed works, hereby permitted, shall be restricted to those specified in the application only unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority and carried out within two years from the date of consent and in accordance with the British Standard BS 3998: 2010 Tree Work.

   Reason: *In the interest of visual amenity.*

Is recommendation contrary to letter(s) of representation?

No

Case Officer: JDS Date: 10/07/2024

Authorised by: Jo Morin Date: 10.07.2024